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In re Application of:

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For: ACCESS PLATFORM FOR  
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DISSECTION

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, delete

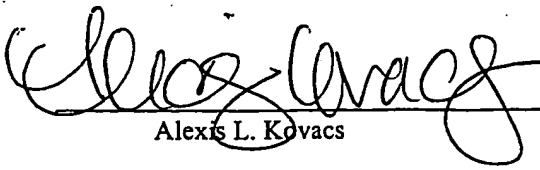
"This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 08/787,748, filed on January 27, 1997, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/619,903, filed on March 20, 1996, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/604,161, filed on February 20, 1996, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full"

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and insert

--This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 08/903,516, filed on July 30, 1997, now issued as U. S. Patent No. 5,944,736, which in turn is a continuation of Serial No. 08/787,748, filed on January 27, 1997, now abandoned, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/619,903, filed on March 20, 1996, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,976,171, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/604,161, filed on February 20, 1996, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,730,757, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full--

therefor.

Page 3, line 2, delete "93"; line 12, change "IMA" to -- internal mammary artery (IMA) --.

Page 14, line 1; before "eighteenth" change "a" to --an--.

Page 42, line 21, after "platform" insert --310--; line 22, after "platform" insert --310--.

Page 43, line 23, after "platform" insert --310--.

Page 44, line 23, after "platform" insert --310--.

Page 59, line 12, change "blades" to --blade--.

Page 63, line 24, change "715" to --714--.

Page 66, line 24, change "797" to --796--.

Page 67, line 13, after "base" change "789" to --781--.

Page 68, line 19, after "carrier" insert --789--.

Page 91, line 2, change "facilitate" to --facilitates--.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 91, 93, 97, 98, 99, 101, 104, and 105 without prejudice.

Claim 92, line 1, change "91" to --90--.

Claim 100, line 1, change "99" to --90--